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HEARING SCHEDULED IN MATTER CONCERNING JUDGE KELLY A. MacEACHERN

The Commission announced today that the hearing in this matter will resume, with oral argument before the special masters on Monday, March 10, 2008, commencing at 10:30 a.m. in the courtroom of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

The hearing is being conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Honorable Judith Ashmann-Gerst, Court of Appeal, Second District; Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Court of Appeal, Third District; and Honorable George J. Abdallah, Jr., Superior Court of San Joaquin County.

Commission Trial Counsel Jack Coyle is serving as examiner. Judge MacEachern is represented by Attorney Edward P. George, Jr., of Long Beach, California.

Following completion of the hearing, the special masters will provide the Commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The Special Masters' Report is due April 1, 2008. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the Commission. If the Commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the Commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

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The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is the Honorable Frederick P. Horn of the Orange County Superior Court in Santa Ana, California.

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